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## FIRST OF MYERS LECTURES PLEASES

**Large Crowd Hears Major-General Wotherspoon on "Military Policy of U. S."**

**TRIBUTE TO JOHN R. MYERS.**

**Lecture Course Founded in His Memory. Spread in Commons Follows Speech.**

Major-General Wm. Wotherspoon of the United States Army delivered the first of the John Ripley Myers Lectures in the College Chapel last Saturday evening taking for his subject "The Military Policy of the United States and the History and the Development of the Regular Army." The undergraduate body, almost to a man, together with many members of the Faculty, Alumni and outside visitors, composed the large and extremely interested audience. Immediately following the lecture the audience accepted the invitation of Mr. Rogers "to enjoy a little something in Commons Hall."

Promptly at eight o'clock Dr. Stryker opened the first series of the John Ripley Myers Lectures with a sketch, striking in its simplicity, of the short but "generous" and "modest" life of John Myers, of the Class of '87, in memory of whom the foundation which has made these lectures possible was established.

Dr. Stryker said in part: "It is fitting at this time that I should speak of the nature of the foundation administered by Charles B. Rogers, '87, and William Bristol, '82, and founded in memory of John Ripley Myers by his mother. John Myers was born in 1865 and graduated in 1887. For several years he carried on a brave fight for health and life, and failed. He died in 1899. In simplest terms let me tell you of his warm and generous nature. Early, he was with considerable means at hand. In college and always after he was the helper of many. Associated with many groups he was to each group a helper. He departed young and many a man remembered him with gratitude and remembers him now that he is gone. By his kindness we have the re-arrangement of the ball field into Steuben Field. He gave that name to it. It is in his memory that his mother bases this foundation to be called by his name while it stands."

Major-General Wotherspoon began his remarks by attesting to the great honor which he felt in opening this course of lectures. He continued: "Senator Root is the discoverer of a writing on the topic which I have selected for my lecture. General Upton was the first to write upon this subject but his manuscript was concealed in the offices of the War Department for twenty-four years, until Mr. Root, then Secretary of War, discovered it, and, with characteristic boldness, published it."

**Notes of the Lecture.**

"The United States and Great Britain are the only nations of consequence," said General Wotherspoon, "which still maintain the voluntary enlistment system, as against the compulsory systems of countries such as Germany, France, and Japan. The indications are now that Great Britain will be obliged to adopt the compulsory system. Convincing are the figures which show the results of the two methods. In time of war Germany, calling upon her reserves, can muster four million trained men; Japan, one million two hundred thousand; Great Britain, eight hundred thousand; but the United States has at her command only eighty-five thousand well trained men, and a militia of but one hundred and fifteen thousand, a total of only one hundred and ninety-five thousand well and poorly trained men!

"Another feature of the present weakness of the American Army is the lack of stored supplies. In all our previous wars the government has been obliged to wait for the purchase of supplies which should have been accumulated in times of peace and which cost from four to five times more because purchased in times of war. Statistics gained from our past encounters depict, also, the evil of not having a trained reserve force, for more than twice the number of deaths have accrued from the exposures of the camp as from actual action in the field. And a further item of inexcusable loss is that sustained because of the enormous pension list, costing eighty-six million dollars a year more than is paid for the maintainance of the regular standing army. How many of the five hundred and thirty-six thousand pensioners have actually seen service is a question the War Department dare not answer!"

**Shows Country's Need.**

In giving the history of the development of the army, General Wotherspoon referred briefly to some of his own experiences and to the faithful work done by the army in subduing the Indians of the Western frontier. The lecture was concluded with a graphic presentation of the present need for greater military protection in the United States, on account of the new-

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**THE TEAM THAT TRIMMED UNION.**

Top row, left to right: Little, F. Lee, LaForce, Pope, Paige, McNair (Assistant Manager), Director Chase. Middle row: Manager Regin, Eddy, Ogden, Captain Robinson, Jessup, Blood, T. Lee, Keddy. Bottom row: Huntsman, French, Gilbert, Emeny, Dayton, Burkhart, Bristol, Orr.. Coach Samp, Potter and Ogilvie were absent when the picture was taken.

### LA FORCE CAPTAIN

At the football elections last Friday afternoon, Felix LaForce, '15, of Kansas City, Mo., was elected Captain for next year. The election was unanimous. LaForce has played three years on the team and at right tackle has always been an impregnable point in the defense. For this last season he has the unusual record of having played every minute of every game.

### MEETINGS IN CHAPEL.

A series of meetings is to be held in the Chapel this week, beginning Friday evening and continuing thru Sunday, at which it is desired that the whole College will be in attendance. Members of the Faculty have consented to give short talks to the men on important and vital subjects, chiefly along moral and spiritual lines.

Friday evening Dr. Davenport and Dr. Wood will speak; the next evening two more men, who have not yet been decided upon, will talk; and on Sunday evening Dr. Stryker will close the series. The hour will in each case be 7.30. The meetings will be brief, but as many as wish may remain for informal discussion afterward.

It is hoped that these meetings will be such a success and prove so popular with the students that they may be made an annual, or even semi-annual event at Hamilton.

### MUSICAL CLUBS.

Tryouts for Monologist of the Musical Clubs will be held Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the trophy room at Commons Hall. All students are eligible and should present their monologs as nearly complete as possible. Profs. Shepard and C. K. Chase and Jessup, '14, will act with Manager Marsh as judges of the exhibitions. Owing to the fact that the various photographers are extremely busy at this season the Musical Clubs picture will not be taken until the week following the Christmas vacation.

### JUNIOR WHIST STARTS.

The Junior Class will meet at Emerson Hall next Monday night for the first round of the whist tournament. Two silver loving cups are offered the winning couple. The series will continue thruout the winter until each delegation has entertained once. The committee in charge, Ogilvie, Higbie, and Goodenough, has promised to enforce its rule against using signals.

—The second tryouts for Charlatans were held last Thursday night at the Sigma Phi Hall. Williamson, '14, was awarded the part of Colonel Seely and Beer, '17, was awarded the part of Judson. Regular rehearsals will commence Wednesday evening of this week.

## BASEBALL PENNANT IS AWARDED TO HAMILTON

**Leads League on Diamond for 1913. Hamilton Men Elected Officers of N. Y. S. I. A. U. Award to Jessup.**

At the annual fall meeting of the N. Y. S. I. A. U., held Saturday at the office of President Foley, in Utica, Hamilton was awarded the league baseball pennant for the season of 1913.

The intercollegiate record of 161 feet in the hammer throw by Chaffey of Colgate, and protested by Hamilton, was thrown out because the hammer used weighed only 14 1-2 pounds. This gives first place to Jessup of Hamilton, but does not affect the standing of the teams. Leonard of Colgate was appointed to readjust the matter of the medals to correspond with this decision.

After considerable discussion it was decided to hold the 1914 Intercollegiate track meet on May 30, Decoration Day. It was also decided that hereafter the N. Y. S. I. A. U. Intercollegiates would be held on the Saturday of the week previous to the national events. This year the University of Vermont, N. Y. U., Alfred, R. P. I., Rutgers, and Rochester will be invited to participate in the State Intercollegiates under N. Y. S. I. A. U. rules. The meet will be held either at Colgate or in Utica.

Hamilton was awarded the baseball pennant for 1913, for out of seven league games played Hamilton has five victories to her credit, finishing the league season with an average of .718. The total score for these seven games was: Hamilton 49, opponents 28. Colgate was second with an average of .667.

Colgate has a clear title to the track championship. In football the title was awarded to Union, Colgate not competing in the league in this sport. Hamilton and St. Lawrence were tied for second place with an average of .500 each. The officers for the season 1913-14 were elected as follows: President, A. J. Foley, (Hobart); vice-president, S. A. McComber (Union); secretary, G. E. Dieterlen (Hamilton); treasurer, W. H. Squires (Hamilton).

—The manuscript of Major-General Wotherspoon's lecture of Saturday night has been presented to the College.

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## EDITORIAL.

**Life** must apologize to the alumni whose letters appear in this issue for the liberties which have been taken with their "copy." Space did not permit their being published in full, so it has been endeavored as far as possible to retain what seems to reflect the general sentiment of the alumni toward the question under discussion, reserving, in some cases, specific suggestions for the special consideration of those who have the matter directly in charge. **Life** is pleased to observe that all the letters so far received from alumni are strongly against the discontinuance of the Literary Magazine.

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**The Board-Walk.**

The board-walk below the arbor is in such condition that coasting is sure to be extremely dangerous if not impossible. If a standing committee on board-walk repair exists, it should take measures to remedy the matter immediately; if not, the Senior Class or the Executive Council should see that a committee be appointed.

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**A Good Beginning.**

The interest which the two upper classes appear to be taking in the coming debate trials augurs well for the success of that activity this winter, and should be a source of extreme gratification to all who are interested in Hamilton forensics. The Class of 1914 has not heretofore shown as much zeal and ability in this department as might be expected from an average Hamilton class, but not until this year has it been in the position to bear the brunt of the intercollegiate contests and it may be that this new responsibility will bring out first class ability along this line. At any rate, the responsibility is there and must be shouldered.

The Class of 1915, from all that can be judged so early in its Junior year, has an unusual wealth of material and ability for debating. These men should do a great deal toward making the intercollegiate debating a success this year.

Altho the major part of the debating should, and will, be done by the two upper classes, there is no reason in the world for underclassmen as well not appearing in the intercollegiate debates. Hamilton seldom meets a debate team from another college which has not at least one underclassman in its personnel. This is from one standpoint a particularly desirable condition, for the experience a man gets who makes the team early in his course increases by just so much his ability later on. Even trying out, tho unsuccessfully, is bound to be a great help to a man. Let's have some underclassmen debaters this year.

In view of the interest that is being taken in debate, it is to be hoped that the Council will arrange further intercollegiate contests for this winter, in addition to the one with Bowdoin and Wesleyan already promised. Cornell was defeated two years ago; why not again? Or, since the old triangular league has been dissolved, could not a dual debate with Union be arranged?

## COMMUNICATIONS.

**To the Editor of Life:**

We know, as DuBois has said, that Lit.'s field has twice been narrowed: once by the Record, with its appeal to the Alumni, and again by Life, which represents more closely the every-day College. But the idea will not easily down that we need beside these some dignified, carefully-edited medium to represent the scholastic and serious side of College. Does not Lit. offer an opportunity to Hamilton College—not the students alone, but the Faculty and Alumni as well—to uphold the fight, recently mentioned in Chicago, against "rag-time English" and a cheap literary style? If there is a Hamilton Idea why not make Lit. the expression of it? Could not the magazine become the organ of our new Publicity Program, and advertise the strength of the College in English; or be used occasionally by the heads of the several departments; or by the Phi Beta Kappa Society?

The only reason for discontinuing Lit. which I have heard mentioned is that it will cost the College $300 to continue. Mere sentiment will not pay the printer. But if the high cost of living is to figure as the determining cause in this demise, I think we might better economize in some other direction (say in the get-together function of Hallowe'en) rather than here where so much that is vital to the best traditions of Hamilton is at stake.

Henry White, '98.

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**To the Editor of Life:**

If our good old Lit. really is on trial for its existence, may I have a word in its defense?

The Alumni do not subscribe for Lit. because Lit. does not succeed in being of service to them. But to make it of such service, and without employing an alumnus editor, should be no insoluble problem. Get the conscientious man on the staff—there has always been one, and at times there have been two—in touch with all the class secretaries and all the Alumni who work on newspapers, especially in the largest cities. These men are good sources of Alumni news, and will cheerfully clip or write and send it in once a month. Inform the Alumni thru a circular letter and **Life's** columns, of a genuine intention to make Lit. valuable as an Alumni news bearer. Subscriptions should follow.

Lit. has a function in College that is recognized by few undergraduates --and, I am sorry to add, by not all Faculty members. With proper respect to the department of English writing, I say flatly that an interest in Lit. gives a boy better instruction in writing English than the department could possibly give him. The chief reason is that he writes his Lit. stuff con amore, and rarely prepares required or assigned work that way. Working on a story or an editorial for Lit., revising the proof, and waiting for the thrill of publication, is a taste of the ideal literary life, detached from sordid considerations, which poets and novelists sigh for but never experience.

For my part, I put into Lit. more than I did into any department of the curriculum, and got more out of it, and other Hamilton men have done the same, and will do it in the future if you keep Lit. alive and available. If there is only one man in a class whose ambitions run to ink, I say the grand old pamphlet is worth while for his sake.

Harry Esty Dounce, '10.

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**To the Editor of Life:**

You have asked Alumni comemnts on the advisability of discontinuing Lit. I quite agree with Dr. Wood that this would be "little short of a calamity." I think that you and the student body in general are making one vital mistake. You assume in all of your articles and comment that Lit. is particularly a boon and benefit to the Alumni. That is not so. Lit is primarily, secondarily, lastly, and all the time the literary publication of the students and they need it for the promotion of a sane and healthy interest in the science of composition. Of course, the Alumni would suffer in the sense that any loss of the College is the loss of the entire Alumni body, graduate and undergraduate, but the real loss would be right there on College Hill, and you who are there should not for a minute lose sight of that fact.

It is my opinion (as a former business manager of the Magazine) that Lit. is now being run on an entirely wrong basis. At the time of my connection with the paper the business manager assumed all responsibility for its finances and on the other hand he was permitted to keep whatever profits he might be able to make. The business proposition was good. There was some rumor about the College as to the large sums pocketed by the manager. I did make a nice profit, but it was not so large as was commonly supposed. The most valuable thing I got was a year of very good business experience. Advertisers never tumbled over themselves in their desire to buy our space. On the other hand, I never begged any advertiser to take space.

If Lit.'s manager will now face his proposition in that same business way I feel very sure that he could return a profit for his work. The trouble is, however, that he has no sinecure and needs more encouragement than he can get under your present arrangement. The managers of **Life**, football, baseball, and other activities, work hard, of course, but each of those offices has always carried more of general College prominence and honor than the management of Lit. There is no glory, no pleasure, and no profit in the Lit. job at this time. It is hardly to be expected that any College man will undertake so hard and tedious a proposition without some one of these encouragements. My conclusion is that in order to put Lit. on a sane and safe basis it should be returned to the business arrangement of committing the responsibility and the profit to the use of the business manager.

William Jenkins Wilcox, '09.

—F. J. Sisson, of Utica, has been appointed Corporation Counsel for the City of Utica by Mayor-Elect Smith.

—Arthur S. Evans, '10, of Rome, has been appointed Assistant District Attorney for Oneida County. After his course here Mr. Evans attended the Albany Law School.

—The Brooklyn Eagle last week published a sketch of Arthur Bullard, '03, (Albert Edwards). The article tells of Mr. Bullard's travels and praises his novel enthusiastically.

—Williams, '08, started last week on a trip to California.

## Spice of Life.

"How's that discussion of yours coming?" asked Cal impatiently of Balz Turnbull the other day.

"Coming right along, sir," sez Balz. "I have all the punctuation marks written. All I've got to do is fill in."

There's one thing to be said for the Tango. It does uncover a multitude of shins.

Jug in Commons (looking at leathery substance on his plate): "Sammy, what's this?"

Sammy: "That's filet de sole."

Jug, after violent stabs with fork: "Say, take this back and bring me a nice juicy piece of the uppers with the buttons cut off."

Freshman: "Say, Tubby, do you know anything about molecules?"

Tubby: "Molly Cules! Come there, Froggie, forget the girl question."

Jack Jessup, calling in Ute: "Well, whatever you say goes."

She: "Jack!"

**Contribution from McLean, '16.**

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## COLLEGE CALENDAR.

Tuesday, 5.00, Mandolin Club practice; 9.00, Basketball games, Sigs vs Alpha Delts, Psi U's vs. Dekes.

Wednesday, 4.30, Glee Club practice. 7.30, Charlatans rehearsal.

Thursday, 7.00, Prayer meeting in Silliman Hall; 7.30, Basketball games, Chi Psi vs. E. L. S., Delta U vs. Dekes.

Friday, 4.30, Glee Club practice; 5.00, Mandolin Club practice; 7.00, Choir practice; 7.30, College meeting in Chapel.

Saturday, Senior debate trials; 7.30, College meeting in Chapel.

Sunday, 7,30, College meeting in the Chapel.

Monday, 4.30, Glee Club practice; 7.00, Latin Club.

—Dr. Shearer, a former Hamilton professor, entertained some Hamilton men at the "Commons," Chicago's big settlement house, on Thanksgiving evening. Among those present were: Marriott, '09, Marhaver, '11, Regin, '12, Dorrance, '12, Mason, '12, Simonds, '13, Batchelor, '13.

—A highly interesting and illuminating discussion of President Wilson's message took place at the meeting of the Seniors in Politics last Thursday evening.

—W. A. Ferguson, '04, of New York City, married Grace Alice Haynes, Nov. 29th, Rev. Daniel Ferguson, '71, officiating and Evans, '04, Smith, '04, Abbey, '05, and DuBois, '12, acting as ushers.

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 'LIFE' SUBSCRIPTION?**

# NOVEMBER ISSUE OF "LIT" REVIEWED

**Quality of Latest Number Would Seem to Justify Magazine's Existence. Many Searching and Helpful Criticisms Offered.**

(By Mr. C. K. Chase.)

There seems to be a general feeling that the last number of Lit. is better than the average, that it is more interesting. This is possibly due partly to its presenting a very live issue: there is much to ponder besides the usual literary contributions. The question of the existence of the magazine is raised and met in trenchant fashion. No member of the College can lay this number down without serious reflection on the whole problem. Is the College willing to do without its so-called literary magazine? Does the quality of this number justify the time and the expense? In short, how good or bad a magazine is it?

The reviewer ventures to predict a unanimous verdict on the part of the College. Lit. may not be a great magazine or always wildly exciting, but it is a creditable publication; it has done reasonably well against odds; the College can, if it will, make it better; it meets a real want; it cannot be allowed to be dropped. The next question is one of ways and means and cannot be gone into here. Mr. Weaver, in his editorial, makes a stirring plea and puts the matter on the whole fairly, tho each reader might have his own further suggestions. The tone of the remarks of Mr. T. Titmouse would seem to show a bit of editorial pique, but as he is admittedly relieving himself of a "grouch," perhaps we should not complain. His attitude is a trifle complacent, and it may be rash for a member of the editorial board to proclaim that Lit. does not represent the work of the "average man": the reader might not always agree with him, and in a discussion of "pearls before swine" might have his own notion of relative merits.

**As to Weaver's Verse.**

In the make-up of this number, Mr. Weaver's hand is still very largely seen, and for the most part to good effect. His verse represents always serious effort and nearly always some good effects. As might be expected from one of his literary stage, his verse models vary greatly in form and value, with resultant effect on the quality of his verse. His "November" has distinct poetical quality and stands in contrast to his rather commonplace "Princesse" and we venture to suggest that he might profitably turn more frequently to themes other than his apparently favorite love motif. In this respect the other verse contributors strike a normal note. Mr. Carmer in his "House of Tears" does not fall below the standard he has set us for the last year or so. Lit. could well welcome more student verse as good as his.

We enjoyed the conceit of the "Chapel Weathervane" and its execution, altho we confess to being puzzled over the age of the weather-vane. The author of "Stymied" needs no nom de plume. While it is phrased in golf technicalities, the strong swing of its lines makes a very genuine appeal.

**Some Good Prose.**

Briefly as to the prose contributions: If the "Immaterial Sunstep" was written by a Sophomore, more should be heard from that man before he leaves us. It is a real short story and has merit, in spite of obvious crudenesses. Of "One to Another" one can only remark that it is no worse than what has been done before in college papers; it is crude

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## "COMING EVENTS"—

### Preparations Under Way for Big Time Almost Two Months Distant.

"Prom will be the biggest and best ever." This is the assurance, oft heard in former years and, of course, always true, of Chairman Turnbull of the 1915 Prom Committee. The Committee is hard at work arranging novelties. Zita will be there with the raggy stuff, as ever, and G. Tunbridge will cater. So much goes without saying. The various bids for the decorations are now under consideration. Mr. Curtis of Utica has proposed a novel lighting scheme which looks very tempting to the committee. What it is is to be kept strictly under the committee's hat. There are also eight other bids under consideration. The committee is considering having the supper served at small tables instead of in the usual "buffet" manner, Chairman Turnbull even darkly hinting of a cabaret design. E. A. Wright of Philadelphia has been given the contract for the programs.

Junior Week will start on February 2nd with dances at four of the houses, Psi Upsilon, Theta Delta Chi, Alpha Delta Phi, and E. L. S. The Charlatans will present on Tuesday afternoon at the Majestic Theatre in Utica, "The Senator Keeps House." Advance dope has it that this year's performance will eclipse all former efforts in the history of Hamilton dramatics. Of course the big night is Tuesday evening. Wednesday afternoon the Musical Clubs will entertain in Commons and the social events will be closed with dances at the Sigma Phi, Delta Upsilon, Chi Psi, and D. K. E. houses.

## COMMONS CLUB AT HOBART.

The non-fraternity men at Hobart have formed an organization which they call the Commons Club. Its object is to provide better opportunities for the neutrals at college to form friendships and generally to draw closer together for the enjoyment of their college life. The Club has taken rooms in Geneva Hall. The neutral alumni of the college are ipso facto members of the Commons Club.

—Clinton Scollard, '81, is in Washington, D. C., visiting his mother and doing research work for a new novel.

—Hopkins, '12, is now demonstrating Ozonators for the General Electric Co., in the vicinity of New York.

—Burdick, '11, has accepted a position with an Indianapolis chemical firm.

—O'Brien, '11, is teaching in New Rochelle, N. Y., preparing to study law next year.


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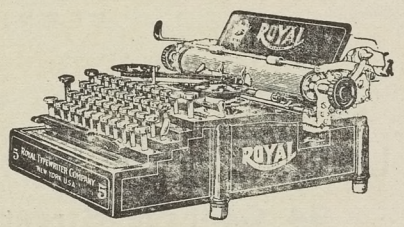


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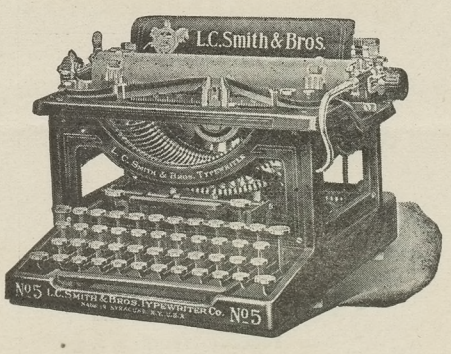


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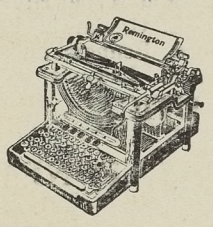

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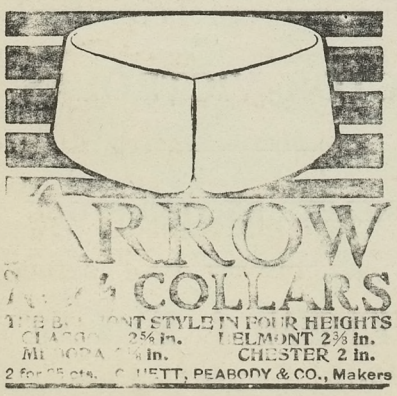
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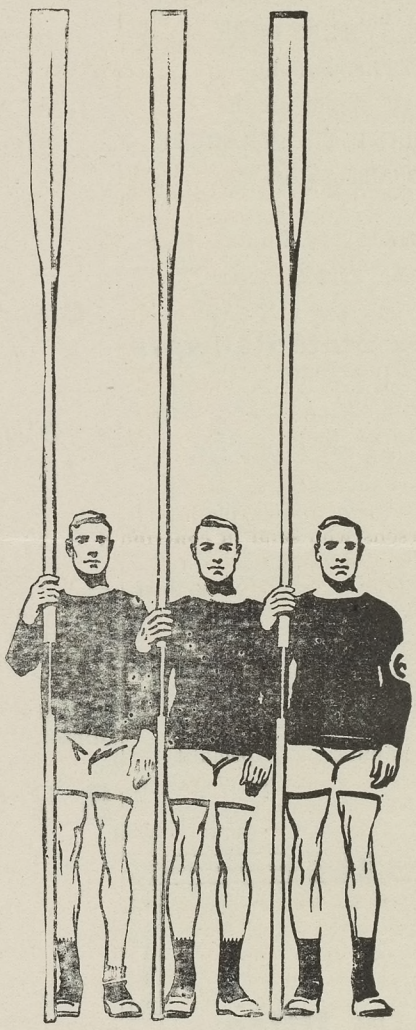

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but both fills in space and serves as excellent practice for the author. We give our approval to Dudley Kimball's essay. He writes with a sure hand, is not afraid of being serious, and offers an interesting solution of the problem of the lady and the tiger. If this Junior's psychology of the feminine heart is faulty there are few in this masculine atmosphere in a position to refute him.

In the matter of "Ragtime," we confess to being at some loss and would better perhaps leave it to the next reviewer. It has a certain dramatic swing and perhaps we should expect nothing better by way of a picture of the average college man and the average "prom." girl by an undergraduate, but we confess to being somewhat disappointed. The realism of the conversation (if it is realism) is rather boring, and as for the man who feels it incumbent upon him in a "literary" effort to say of a young lady that "she'd have to climb on a step-ladder to kick an intellectual duck in the pants," we think one swat in the same place (intellectually speaking, of course) might do him no harm.

A comparison of Alumniana with Necrology might seem to indicate that most of the graduates of Hamilton are now dead! Is a proportion of seven and a half pages of necrology out of a total of forty-two rather heavy for a journal that is struggling not to be a "dead one"? Or do the Alumni really want it? Why doesn't the editor of Lit. resort to the old method of a symposium of letters (not necessarily to be printed) from undergraduates and graduates on just what they would like to see in the magazine? Incidentally couldn't the various persons who send in contributions to the Alumni editor refrain from so regularly referring to teachers who are not professors by that title?

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—Perhaps more visible progress has been made on the Library in the last week than for a long time before. The work of putting on the steel lath over the stack room has been done and much of the stone that is to ornament the front is ready to be put in place.

—In making a selection of an all-star team of Rochester's opponents on her home grounds, a member of the Yellow team puts Huntsman third among the guards, thus ranking him ahead of the men holding that position in Syracuse.


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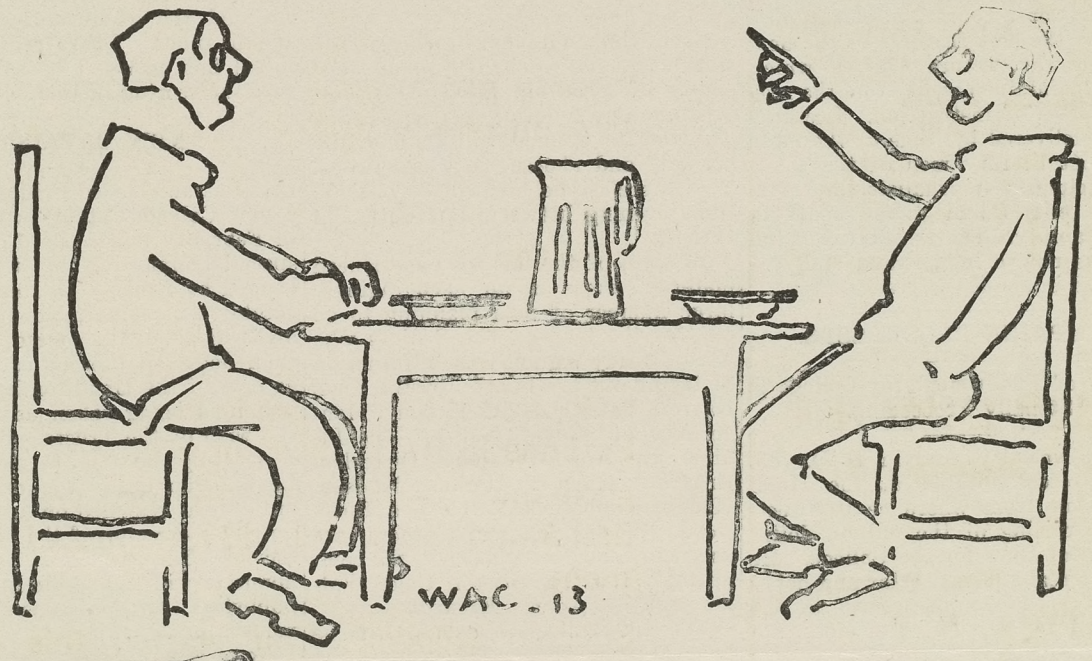


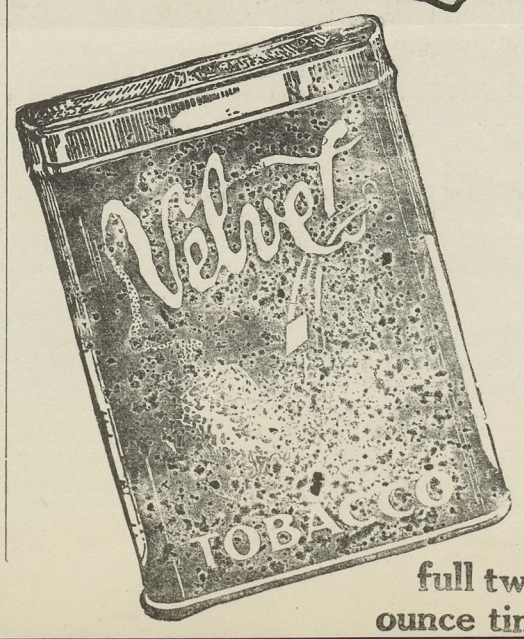


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The courses, the bulletin states, have been planned primarily to fit English teachers to do better work and to do it more easily. Furthermore, "the idea that children are naturally speaking animals and not reading and writing ones," reads the bulletin, "has recently dawned upon teachers and superintendents all over the country. Many are advocating, some insisting, that oral methods be used."

With this in view the school, while offering other courses, will pay especial attention to oral work. These seven courses will be offered: Vocal Technique, Oral and Written Composition, The Vocal Interpretation of Literature, Dramatics as Related to English Teaching, Argument, Debate, and Extemporaneous Speaking, Regents and College Entrance Literature, and Methods of Teaching English Literature. It is a point favorably commented on that the school will offer the advantages of the Hamilton course in Extemporaneous Speaking. The bulletin defines the course well when it says, "The school is not a school of elocution nor of dramatics. The use of the voice and of the body is cultivated, not as an end, but as a means of teaching English. These are in no sense courses in elocution."

One of the best features of the new school is the lecture courses which will be maintained aside from the regular courses of instruction. Lectures will be delivered by some of the most prominent literary men of the country, including journalists, authors, literary critics and public speakers of high ability. The prospectus of the school is now being printed and will be issued in about two weeks.

### CAMPAIGN PROGRESSES.

**Raising of Endowment for College is Steadily Proceeding.**

Rev. Clement G. Martin, D. D., '83, is at present located at the Hotel Manhattan from where he is directing the raising of the million dollar endowment fund for the College. He reports great success so far and hopes to obtain the complete sum in the near future. Dr. Martin does not lack experience in this line, as he was a trustee of Wooster University when fire destroyed some of their largest buildings and he undertook to raise the money to replace them. In this undertaking he was very successful.

Practically all of the work is being done by correspondence. In New York City Dr. Martin is in the very heart of the Alumni Association and can also do a part of his work by personal interviews. Just at present he does not wish to make any public report of his progress but simply states that things are going nicely. Dr. Martin is in the employ of the Trustees and is receiving a regular salary for his work. The money raised is to be used to increase the salaries of the professors and to place the College on a better financial basis in general.

### FIRST OF MYERS LECTURES PLEASES.

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ly acquired protectorates, the Panama Canal, the trouble on the Mexican Frontier, and the recent disputes with Japan.

Yielding to a request, the General followed his lecture with remarks briefly outlining the situation in Mexico and attributing the whole trouble largely to the practice of feudalism by the upper classes and to the ignorance of the mass of the Mexicans. "It is an agrarian question," he said. "I am perfectly certain that the administration will do anything and everything possible to prevent the necessity of armed intervention, and I for one trust that there will be no such intervention." Prolonged applause indicated the interest that the audience felt in the speaker's remarks, and their appreciation of the opportunity of hearing so distinguished a person. When the clapping had subsided Dr. Stryker, in behalf of Mr. Rogers, extended to all an invitation to enjoy a spread in Commons Hall.

There a generous array of edibles was awaiting the crowd, and the students, after a long yell for the General and another for Mrs. Wotherspoon, showed their appreciation of Mr. Rogers' hospitality, both vocally and by action. Everyone was given an opportunity to meet the General, and his interesting conversation kept a group of undergraduates around him continuously for the remainder of the evening.

### INTERCLASS DEBATE.

**Trials for Teams to Represent Seniors and Juniors.**

Plans have been practically completed for the Interclass debate trials. The proposition is one dealing with a phase of the Monroe doctrine. Try-outs will be held on the afternoon of Dec. 13th for the Seniors, and Dec. 20th for Juniors.

Each contestant is to choose the side he prefers and give an advance speech of seven minutes and perhaps a five minute rebuttal if time permits. The Debate Council will conduct the try-outs and choose the class teams. The interclass debate will be held on some evening between Jan. 15th and 18th.

In spite of the lack of experienced material, there is an encouragingly large number of men planning to go out for the teams. The Seniors who have already signified their intention of trying out are Booth, Bristol, Cole, Dayton, Gates, Lee, MacGibeny, Mengerink, Pohl, Regin, Walker. The Juniors are Adams, Crumb, Dieterlen, Erhardt, Harper, Higbie, Hudson, Keddy, Kimball, LaForce, Lee, Sherwood, Woodcock. Any others are asked to hand their names to the committees; for '14, Bristol, Cole, Walker; for '15, Adams, Erhardt.

The Intercollegiate debate will be held March 25th. The proposition picked by Wesleyan has been delayed, and therefore it is not yet known what proposition will be debated. Prof. Lewis has promised that intercollegiate debaters will be given extra perfects and, in addition, relief from some class work, to be decided upon later. It is possible that members of class debate teams may also receive some concessions in the way of relief from class work.

—Prof. W. B. Marsh spent three days last week among the schools of Southern New York State, presenting the entrance requirements and courses of this College.

—The Western Reserve Weekly, which heretofore has contained news only, has added a literary section.

### TWO TEAMS TIED.

**Last Week's Games Put Dekes and Alpha Delts in the Lead.**

Four basketball games were played during the past week in the Intercrowd series and thus the second round was completed and the schedule brought up to date. The Alpha Delts and the Dekes are tied for the lead at present with two victories apiece; Delta U., Sigma Phi, Psi U., and E. L. S. have each won one and lost one; Chi Psi and Theta Delt have lost twice.

One game was played on Tuesday night, the Psi U. team defeating the Chi Psis by a score of 13 to 9. The defeated team led by one point at the end of the first half, J. Whitcombe having shot two field goals and three fouls. The downhill crowd came back strong in the second and won after a hard struggle.

The Alpha Delts met and defeated the Theta Delt team Thursday night in the slowest and most uninteresting game of the season. Both teams paid more attention to guarding their opponents than to shooting baskets and the game therefore resulted in a very low score, 9 to 6. Paige of the Theta Delt team played the best game.

The two games played Friday night made up for the lack of pep earlier in the week. The Deke team, playing the best game seen so far this season, completely swamped the Chi Psis. The downhill men played all around their opponents, scoring at will. Their floor work was very good, and their evident plan of feeding the ball to McLouth and Royce worked admirably, for these two shot all the baskets for their team. The game was interesting despite the one-sided score.

The second game Friday night was the closest and fastest game of the week. The Sig team defeated Delta U. in the last minute of play by one point. The playing was very rough and at times resembled a football game. There was a large crowd present and the excitement was intense at all times. There were 21 fouls called but as usual both teams were weak at scoring in this department.

### NEW CATALOG.

It was announced Friday night that a new College Catalog will be issued in February under the direction of a special committee of the Faculty, headed by Prof. J. D. Ibbotson. The catalog will contain about 150 pages and will detail the courses much more than does the present catalog issued as part of the Hamilton Record. This action is being taken as a result of the wish of the Trustees expressed at a meeting last year. Prof. C. L. Lewis, who heads the original committee, has resigned on account of his duties as director of the new Summer School. The catalog, it has been announced, will follow the lines of those published by Williams and Dartmouth.

Copy is now being prepared, and a list of the students is being corrected. This work is in the hands of the committee, which is composed, besides Prof. Ibbotson, of Profs. Hastings, Carruth, Wood and Ristine.

—All of the sod has been taken off the baseball diamond and most of the material that is to form a foundation for the new diamond has been hauled and spread on the field.

—Kimball, '15, Nichols, '16, and Dayton, '17, are conducting church services at Franklin Springs.

—A new rowing machine and two thirty-foot climbing ropes have been added to the Gymnasium equipment..

—The hand ball tournament will be run off directly after the Christmas vacation.

## SECOND ANNUAL INTER-CROWD MEET COMES NEXT

**Cup for Best General Crowd Average and Medals for Individual Point Winners.**

The Annual Indoor Interfraternity Meet will be held Dec. 17, 18, and 19, under the direction of Director Chase and Manager Jessup. The events will be the same as those of last year except that there will be two options given: a rope-climb against time will be allowed in place of the chinning, and a twelve-lap run in place of the shorter one of three laps. The fraternity attaining the highest average score for all its members will receive the silver cup for the ensuing year. The cup is now in the possession of Chi Psi, last year's winners.

The score limits are as follows: In the 3-lap race 28-32s. with the standard at 30s.; in the standing broad jump, 5ft. 5in., with the standard at 7ft. 6in.; in the running high jump, 3ft. 3 1-2in.-5ft. 4 1-2in., with the standard at 4ft. 4in.; in the standing hop, step and jump, 16ft. 10in.-25ft. 2in., with the standard at 21ft.; in the 16-pound shot-put, 14ft.-35ft. 5in., with the standard at 25ft.; in the pull to chin, 0-20 times, with the standard at 10 times. The limits and standards in the 12-lap run and the rope climb are to be decided later.

In the short dash every 1-5 sec. counts 5 points toward the perfect score of 100; in the standing broad jump 1-2 in. counts a point; in the high jump 1-4 in. counts a point; in the hop, step and jump 1 in. counts a point; in the shot-put 2 1-2 in. counts a point; in the pull to chin each pull-up counts 5 points; and in the rope climb every inch counts a point.

Instead of banners, as last year, the men attaining a certain standing will receive bronze medals. These will have "Hamilton College" on the face and, on the pin, the year. In the succeeding years a pin for that to get high averages, a pin with that year will be added above the first pin. These are somewhat like the sharpshooter medals of the Army and are considered a great improvement over the banners.

The Fraternity scores will be reckoned, as before, by adding the total number of points made by the members of a given crowd and dividing that by the number of men in the crowd. The Neutrals in College are invited to compete; they will of course be eligible for High Average medals, but their scores will not be counted in awarding the cup. In case of any man breaking the College record fifty points will be added to his score.

—Thursday afternoon the boilers for the steam heating plant were installed in North, and the work of piping the building will probably be finished before Christmas. The steel work which will serve as a base for the tiling in the bathrooms has been laid and the fixtures and tiling will be put in after the holidays. The wiring for electric lights has not been started but soon will be.

—Brown, Felt, Marsh, and Burns, '14, were all at Boston for the latter part of last week attending the Annual Convention of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

—The 1914 College calendar, issued this year under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., will be on sale this week.

—The regular December meeting of the Association for Undergraduate Activities will be held Friday, Dec. 19, in Commons. On the afternoon of the same day the Executive Council will meet.

—The German Club met Friday at the home of Prof. Brandt.